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The Lucky Ones.

Commencing with our issue of Nov. 27th, the COURIER offered three presents: A \$50 solid gold watch; a \$25 swinging silver water pitcher and \$10 in gold to all new subscribers, and all old subscribers who renewed their subscription during the month of December, 1891, the presents to be presented to three persons guessing nearest the total number of navy beans and grains of field corn in a Mason's quart fruit jar.

The contents of the jar were counted on the morning of January 1st by C. P. Vandiver, editor of the COURIER; W. C. Gaston, Keytesville's postmaster, and C. A. Chapman, a prominent young business man, of Keytesville, while "tally" was kept by J. M. Collins, the COURIER senior.

The plan adopted was for Vandiver to count 100, and this number was then counted by Mr. Gaston and then by Mr. Chapman, and after being verified, as it passed from one of the counters to the other, Mr. Collins "tallied" 100, which was kept up until the entire number was counted.

The jar was found to contain 3,084. The nearest guess to the total number was 3,071, made by G. K. Adams, of Indian Grove, who can now tell you the time by his handsome new watch; the second nearest guess, 3,100, was made by J. M. Buser, who lives in the extreme northeast part of the county, whose post office is Barryville, Macon county, and who captures the elegant swinging silver pitcher; the third nearest guess, 3,101, was made by Henry Goll, of near Dalton, who gets the \$10 gold piece.

There were 379 guesses in all, and of this number 160 were made by parties who get their mail at Keytesville.

The jar contained 2,150 beans and 934 grains of corn.

The persons guessing the two extremes were A. J. Wright, of Missouri township, who guessed 800, and Frank P. Pherson, of Triplett, who guessed 13,568. To Mr. Wright and Mr. Pherson we offer, each, as a balm of consolation, a booby prize of one year's subscription to the COURIER, and we will send the paper one year to any address they desire.

We extend congratulations to the lucky guessers, and hope that the others will meet with better luck next time.

May all be happy and prosperous during the New Year, and their appreciation of the COURIER grow stronger with each succeeding issue.

A remarkably strange surgical case, resulting from the swallowing of a needle, is reported by a physician who performed an operation upon the left arm of Miss Clara Chestnut, a young lady who resides with her parents, some eighteen miles southeast of St. Joseph. Some six years ago Miss Chestnut accidentally swallowed a medium-sized needle. At the time the young lady swallowed the needle it caused very little pain, and since the occurrence she experienced no annoyance until last Thursday night, when she was seized with distressing pains in the fleshy part under the left arm, between the elbow and shoulder blade. So severe did the pains become that a physician was called in to examine the arm, and, if possible, to determine the cause. The arm was greatly swollen and the muscles throbbed almost enough to be witnessed with the naked eye. The physician was unable to determine the nature of the case until the flesh had been cut away. When this was done he discovered a needle two inches long lodged in the flesh of the arm. It was as black as charcoal. The point of the needle, which lay in the direction of the shoulder, had just pierced a muscle of the arm, and no doubt caused the severe pain. The physician believes that the needle is the same one that Miss Chestnut swallowed six years ago. It had worked its way down through the body and into the right shoulder.

Although the weather was rather disagreeable, the county F. & L. U. was well attended Tuesday.

THE F. & L. U. MEETING.

The List of Delegates and the Resolutions Adopted.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Farmers' and Laborers' union convened at the court-house at 1 o'clock Tuesday, with John Chivers, president, presiding.

Otto Zillman, the secretary, was not present, and J. W. Estes, was appointed secretary pro tem.

The various sub-unions were represented as follows, besides the attendance of several other members who were present as visitors and not as delegates:

KEYTESVILLE UNION.
A G Arrington, G W Hocker and James L Stacy.

BELL SCHOOL-HOUSE.
J J McCune and Wm C Recob.

TRIPLETT.
R T. Morehead.

BRUNSWICK.
G W Rucker and Jerome Dearing.

WALKER SCHOOL-HOUSE.
George W Chapman and Wm S Wyatt.

BURTON SCHOOL-HOUSE.
Squire Saunders.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL-HOUSE.
I H Fleet and J L Harlan.

PEE DEE.
A L Welch and E S Richards.

MT. PLEASANT.
B D Paxton.

HILLS SCHOOL-HOUSE.
Geo Nix and Ben Solomon.

SMITH SCHOOL-HOUSE.
P T Smith.

CLARK'S BRANCH.
J W Estes.

After the transaction of the regular routine of business and the election of P. T. Smith, with G. W. Rucker as alternate, as delegate to the district meeting, composed of the counties of the Second congressional district, to be held at Brunswick the 1st Tuesday in February, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the axe manufacturers of the United States have formed a trust for the purpose of raising the prices of their axes, except the Kelley Axe company, of Louisville, Ky., and as he has appealed to the farmers of the United States to stay with him.

Resolved, that we, as the Farmers' and Laborers' union, of Chariton county, do endorse the Kelley Axe company, and ask our merchants to handle them, or we will cease to trade with them.

The above was adopted after including all other axe companies that are not in the trust.

Adjournment until the next quarterly meeting in April.

Part of a human skeleton was found on Tuesday under the house of George Potter, at Otterville, in Cooper county, and is supposed to throw some light upon the mysterious disappearance of a man named Reed about ten years ago, when a dissipated family named Southerlin lived in the house. Reed disappeared suddenly and was never heard of afterward. The family said he had left in the night. A few weeks afterward Southerlin died, it is said, in great distress and agony of mind as though he had committed some great crime, and said he was going "straight to —!" While the neighbors were sitting up with the corpse they could scarcely bear the stench that seemed to come from under the old part of the house, where the bones were found. This odor was explained as being from poisoned rats, but is now believed to have been from the dead body of Reed.

The cattle in the northeast part of Vernon county are affected by a strange disease, fatal in its results. They swell, stiffen and then die. Quite a number of them have died of the malady since it made its appearance, two weeks ago. Nothing like it was ever known in that section before, and there seems to be no remedy.

Sneed's Drug and Grocer Co.'s Prices.

No. 44, Lee Redding; 1 doll bed and mattress. No. 64, Miss Sue Hawkins; 1 box of oranges. No. 65, Jim Halley; 1 bagatelle board.

Marshal Veatch Reconsiders.

In the recent tilt between Mayor Scott and Marshal Veatch over Capt. Scott's failure to sustain Mr. Veatch in making certain arrests, after having ordered him to do so, of parties for shooting fire-crackers and throwing torpedoes on the streets, Mr. Veatch, on the spur of the moment, told Mayor Scott that he would resign, but after reconsideration and the advice of some of his friends, Mr. Veatch declined to hand in his resignation at the meeting of the council Monday night, and therefore is still marshal. The best of feeling has not existed between Keytesville's mayor and city marshal for some time, and, as a consequence, the interests of the city have suffered.

Mr. Veatch claims that Capt. Scott has not sustained him in making arrests for open violations of the city ordinances, while his honor asserts that the marshal has been derelict in making arrests that good government demanded he should have made.

Be this as it may, the shortcomings of the one are certainly no excuse for the neglect of duty of the other.

In regard to fines that have never been collected, Mr. Veatch says that Mayor Scott has not issued commitments in cases where he has made reports of his inability to collect fines, while Mayor Scott claims that Marshal Veatch has not reported, in some instances at least, that he was unable to collect, and that offenders have been given their liberty without ever paying their fines, or even the costs, and, as a result, a number of fines that have been assessed still stand on the mayor's books unpaid.

Whoever may be at fault for this state of affairs, the present order of things is proving entirely too expensive to the tax-payers, and entirely too inexpensive to those who violate the city's ordinances.

An administration, the criminal costs of which exceed the fines collected by \$101 in a year's time, is not conducive to the upbuilding of our town, but, on the contrary, will lead to still wider breaches of the law and still more rickety sidewalks.

Capt. Scott and Mr. Veatch should inter the tomahawk, kiss and make up, and, shoulder to shoulder, enforce the city's laws more vigorously in 1892 than ever before.

Let us have peace.

At the April, 1890, term of the Chariton circuit court indictments were found against two young men in Keytesville for running a gambling den. At a subsequent term both pleaded guilty, by their attorney, and were fined \$50 and costs. Only one of these fines has ever been paid, while the other stands charged on the books against Sheriff Anderson.

As to who is at fault for the fine's never having been collected we do not know, but it ought to be paid and the proper authorities ought to see that it is paid. The imposition of fines in Chariton county for gambling, running gaming devices and for the illicit selling of liquor, are already the laughing stock of many other counties in the state, and it is unquestionably the duty of officers to see that small fines that are imposed are collected. Neither of the parties, or at least the one who has never paid his fine, were in court when the plea of guilty was entered by their attorney, and therefore could not be placed in the custody of Sheriff Anderson. Mr. Anderson says that he is ready and willing to do his duty in the premises as soon as the proper *capias* execution is issued. Now, let the officer, whose duty it is to do so, issue the *capias* execution and the enforcement of the law take its course.

Ewing T. Sanders, who was lodged in the Greene county jail, at Springfield, during the celebrated Molly-Lee trial on the charge of murdering his father at Mountain Grove, afterwards sentenced to be hanged, then had his sentence commuted to ten years in the penitentiary, has had the same reduced to five years and four months, with benefits of three-fourths rule, by Gov. Francis. As long as a man is not hanged there is hope.

UNDER A SERIOUS CHARGE.

A. M. Halley, a Keytesville Young Man, Under Bond for Attempted Criminal Assault.

Three weeks ago Miss Mollie Hensley, the 18-year-old daughter of Wm. Hensley, of near Dawkins' bridge, came to Keytesville and engaged as a sewing girl with Mrs. Dorothy Wilkes, her cousin, who is a widow, and who lives in a part of Thomas Oldham's house.

On Wednesday night of last week Anthony M. Halley, a young man 23-years of age, who has lived in and near Keytesville all his life, and who recently accepted a position in Martin & Applegate's drug store, called on Miss Hensley at Mrs. Wilkes', and the evening was passed by the young couple with Mrs. Wilkes present, as she has but one room.

It seems that Mrs. Wilkes was suffering from la grippe, and that young Halley proposed to come down to the store and get her some medicine. Mrs. Wilkes says that she told him that she did not want the medicine, but that he insisted upon getting it, and as he started for the store asked Miss Hensley to accompany him, which she consented to do.

The clock had stopped, and Mrs. Wilkes says she had no idea what time it was. But Halley and Miss Hensley started for the drug store, and an hour or more afterward the young lady returned to Mrs. Wilkes' in company with her uncle, G. B. Cooper.

Miss Hensley was very much excited and crying bitterly. She told Mrs. Wilkes the following story, as near as we are able to give it:

She says as she started down Bridge street that she noticed the lights were out at all of the stores and she began to get scared. On reaching the store she told Halley that she would wait at the door until he got the medicine for Mrs. Wilkes, but that he told her that it was chilly outside and to step in until he got the medicine. Miss Hensley then went into the store, and says that she had no sooner done so than young Halley locked the door, put the key in his pocket, and then blew out the light that was burning in the store. That he then grabbed her and endeavored to force her to submit to his lustful desires, and that in the struggle which followed she finally got loose from him and ran to the front door. Knowing it was locked she threw herself against the glass in the door and fell through to the sidewalk, got up as quickly as possible and went to her uncle's, G. B. Cooper's, and from there was taken back to Mrs. Wilkes' by Mr. Cooper.

It was thought best to keep the affair quiet until the young lady's father could be seen, and when he came to town for her Monday he was told of Halley's conduct toward his daughter. The father swore out a warrant before Squire Ewing for Halley's arrest, and the warrant was served Monday evening about 6 o'clock by Constable Veatch. Halley's bond was fixed at \$400, which was promptly given, and the day for his preliminary trial set for tomorrow, Saturday, January 9th.

A COURIER representative saw Mr. Halley, but upon the advice of his attorney he declined to be interviewed.

He was connected with the firm of M. W. Anderson & Co., of this place, as clerk, in their store for three or four years, but last fall embarked in the grocery business for himself, but lately placed his stock of goods in the hands of his brother, Press, to close out, and accepted a position as clerk in Martin & Applegate's drug store, the oldest and most reliable drug firm in Keytesville.

Miss Hensley bears an excellent reputation so far as we can learn, while young Halley has also stood well heretofore in this community.

An old colored woman named Patsy Carter died at Jefferson City on Tuesday morning, at the home of her daughter. It is claimed by her relatives that she was 104 years old. She has children living in that city who are over 70 years old.

JOINED IN WEDLOCK.

The Week's Record in Matrimonial Ventures.

TANNER-SHUPE:—C. M. Tanner and Miss Susie Shupe were married at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. L. D. Shupe, near Mendon, on Friday, January 1st, Rev. W. A. Phelps sealing the nuptial vows.

GOTSCHALL-TYREE:—The magic words which made Joseph Gotschall, of Brunswick, and Miss Eva Tyree, man and wife, were pronounced by Squire Seth Marsh, in Smith township, Carroll county, on Sunday, January 3d.

ROEBKIN-LUTSCHER:—Fred Roebkin, mine host of the Dalton hotel, and Miss Emma Lutscher were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Squire and Mrs. Gaudenz Lutscher, near Dalton, on Sunday, January 3d, Squire Chas. Steiman tying the garden knot.

EUBANK-McWILLIAMS:—Elder Henry Eubank, of near Triplett, and Miss Emma McWilliams were married at the residence of the bride's parents, in Mendon, on Wednesday, January 6th, Elder Dorsey uniting their future lines.

GUILLOD-DIGGES:—A. W. Guillod, a prominent businessman of Triplett, and Miss Mary Digges agreed to travel life's journey together in the Christian church, at Triplett, Wednesday night. The marriage vows were taken before Elder J. F. Jordan.

To all, to each congratulations, and few their trials and tribulations. May all bump against much bliss—We cannot wish them more than this.

A few days ago two young women went to Springfield from Sedalia and registered at a hotel as May Morton and Mollie Parlew, but their real names were Mollie and Livia Blue. The next day they hired a horse and buggy and left to visit relatives near Brighton, Polk county. Friday the two started on their return to Springfield, but when attempting to ford Little Sac creek, which was greatly swollen by the rains, they were both thrown into the water and carried down the stream and drowned. The body of one of the young women was found the same day, but the other was not recovered until several days afterwards. Both were buried near their grandfather's grave in that locality.

The complaint made by Jasper county people because three towns, Joplin, Sarcoux and Carl Junction, in that county, did not appear in the map of Missouri, in Butler & Co.'s geography, a book adopted by the school book commission for use in the public schools in this state, has induced the publishers to correct the map in this respect. Superintendent Wolfe received, one day last week, copies of the map which is correct, at least so far as Jasper county is concerned. Prof. Wolfe thinks that with the corrections named the geography will give universal satisfaction.

T. T. Elliott, jr., left Saturday night to enter upon his duties as traveling salesman for Strawbridge & Clothier, a large dry goods firm, of Philadelphia. He will travel in the Northwest. Mr. Elliott is a Keytesville production, has had wide experience in the dry goods business, and the firm he now represents may depend upon it that he will do faithful service in singing the praises of their wares.

Jan. 19th! Jan. 19th! Jan. 19th! The third term of the Famous Chillicothe Normal, Actual Business and Short-hand College will open Jan. 19, 1892. Hundreds of new students have written the president that they will enter at that time, although the work is so arranged that students can enter any time to advantage, and are required to pay for the time only which they attend. They can also select their studies, rent adopted books, receive private help free, get good board for \$1.75 a week, etc. For free catalogue address,

ALLEN MOORE, A. M., Pres., Chillicothe, Mo.

Deaths.

Mrs. Dr. Hoffman died at her home in Brunswick Monday.

A 3-months-old infant male child of Martin Lewis and wife, col., of this place, died Tuesday.

Miss Lida Harper, a daughter of the late Capt. Richard S. Harper formerly of this county, died at McAbey's, N. C., Dec. 28th, aged 21 years and 3 months.

Mrs. Suel Garnett, relict of the late Suel Garnett, sr., died on New Year's day at the residence of her son-in-law, L. D. Hyde, of general debility, aged 70 years. Her remains were laid to rest by the side of her late husband, on Saturday, January 2nd.

G. W. Morgan died of la grippe and pneumonia at the residence of his son, Jeff Morgan, on Judge J. B. Hyde's farm, near Dalton, on Friday, Jan'y 1st, aged 76 years. The deceased was a Tennessean by birth, and had been an exemplary member of the Baptist church for years. He was the father of seventeen children, ten of whom are still living. He was first taken with la grippe, and that run into pneumonia, contracted from attending the burial of his daughter, Mrs. Jas. Guthridge, of near Guthridge Mills. His remains were interred at Dalton cemetery Saturday.

Mrs. Callie C. Orr, of Audrain county, held a note for \$90 against DeWitt Shoots. Monday Shoots entered her rooms and demanded the note or her brains. She told him she preferred to give him the note, and went to a dresser on the opposite side of the room ostensibly to get it. She opened the drawer, but instead of taking out the note, she secured a 38 calibre revolver and opened fire. Two shots were fired. The first struck the shoulder-blade and glanced off, and the second struck the buckle of a strap in Shoots' hip pocket. Neither did any particular damage. A few years ago Shoots had a difficulty with Bob Muir, when the latter shot him squarely in the breast. The ball passed through Shoots' clothes just over the heart, but struck a silk handkerchief and did not break the skin.

As a COURIER representative passed down the street the other morning we noticed "Uncle Jim" Myers making some angry gestures at a barrel of salt which was lying in the gutter just off the sidewalk. Some sneak had ended it over off of the walk in front of Mr. Myers' store the night before, and "Uncle Jim" was "red hot" at the vandalism of the party who did it. We helped him to place the barrel back on the walk, and the lift seemed to make him more angry than before, and with clenched fist, flashing eyes and a face as red as scarlet, he vowed "he would pay \$5 for the escaped convict who rolled that barrel of salt into the street." We hope that the dirty sneak, who is guilty, may be brought to justice, as contemptible acts of this kind are becoming entirely too frequent in Keytesville.

We understand from a reliable source that the amount of fines collected in Mayor Scott's court in 1891 was \$81, and that the costs in cases in which the city was mulcted amount to \$182, making the costs exceed the fines collected by \$101. Such an exhibit of the city's affairs is largely due to minimum fines. Again we say our municipal affairs, in the matter of the imposition of fines, should be run on a higher plane.

The case of O. R. Jaco against Wm. Dawkins, tried in Squire Ewing's court last Saturday, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$100, the amount sued for, together with the costs. The suit grew out of the sale of a horse by Dawkins to Jaco for \$100 some time ago, Dawkins representing that the animal was a good work horse. Jaco, however, found that the horse would not work, and took the equine back to Dawkins, but he refused to return the money paid for it, which led to the suit. At the trial Saturday W. W. Rucker appeared for Jaco, and O. F. Smith for Dawkins. Dawkins, we understand, has taken an appeal.